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ADMINISTRATION DAY 1978: 75 students came to Bowker Lounge yesterday to talk to many of the College's top administrators. They fielded questions on security, reduction in course credits, financial aid, food services and the evening school. Commenting on the course credit reductions, Provost Alice Chandler said, "It affected students far more than we realized it would." The event was sponsored by the Day Student Senate. Left to right: Haywood Burns, Director of the Center for Legal Education; Prof. Bernard Sohmer (mathematics); Ann Rees, vice provost for student affairs; Morton Kaplon, vice president for administrative affairs; Provost Alice Chandler; and President Marshak.

Saga tells Senate: "We will walk!"

By Susan DiMaria and Steve Nussbaum

Saga Dining Halls has indicated that they will give the College a 90-day notice prior to withdrawal of their services if the Day Student Senate goes through with its proposed boycott of Saga's on campus operation.

At a meeting yesterday, the Senate's Food Services Committee and Saga officials reached an agreement to allow Saga 10 days to upgrade the service at its cafeterias before the boycott, planned for October 30 and 31, would be made final.

"We don't feel that Saga will be able to make the deadline," said Andrew Nwogalanya, a Senate member who sits on the committee. "But they did admit that most of the things that are wrong can be changed, and that they will be changed."

"We made no promises," said Carl Del Villaggio, Director of Operations for Saga. "But aside from the particular needs these people are trying to fill, what happens to the people who work at these cafeterias? Why doesn't the Senate think about them?"

Saga is in the final year of a three year contract, and when asked if they would be bidding again on a new contract this year, Del Villaggio said, "We've made no decision on that yet."

The Senate had called the boycott to protest what it called "broken promises" and "an unhealthy atmosphere and general uncleanness" in the North and South Campus Cafeterias. "We want the things we were promised during the summer," said Robert Ross, Chairman of the Senate's Food Services Committee.

"We want a variety of foods, a change in the physical appearance, clean up, and an extension of the hours."

However, according to Del Villaggio, "this meeting was just to listen to students. We made no promises."

The Senate also charged that Saga had shown "an indifferent attitude to the demands of the students." Larry Jones, District Manager for Saga, said, "Last year, Saga was not asked to meetings.

We're not taking the rap for this one."

Ann Rees, vice provost for student affairs, said that she felt the meeting was a very good idea. "I'm very, very glad that we met," Rees said. "I think that if there is any sign of change in Saga, there is a very good chance that we can avoid this boycott."

Other offices scheduled to be moving to Baskerville are the Office of the Handicapped (Finley 148), and the Office of Student Personnel Records, now located in Finley 214.

Baskerville to be completed in November

By Susan DiMaria

Renovation work on Baskerville Hall, scheduled to be completed in mid-October, will not be finished until November 15, according to William Farrell, Director of Campus Planning and Development.

Some students services offices, which were scheduled to be moved into Baskerville by the second week in October, will be delayed as long as a month while work is completed on the lower level.

"We still have to finish some offices," said Farrell. "There are still wall coverings to be put up in the corridors on the two lowest levels, and some painting to be done."

New furniture and telephones were installed in some offices this week, and the Office of Financial Aid is expected to open there Wednesday or Thursday. The

College I.D. Office, now located in Finley 206, will be moving to Baskerville, as will the Office of Career Counseling and Placement, now in Shepard 206.

Meanwhile, Stieglitz Hall will be demolished next spring because of increased space available on the North Campus, Farrell said, although he did not know just when it would be falling. "We are estimating late in the spring of 1979," he said, "but we haven't yet determined the exact date."

It was not known where the Philosophy Department, which now occupies Stieglitz, would be moving. Farrell indicated that they were likely to go to Shepard, where space would be vacated by the offices that are moving to Baskerville.

The renovation in Baskerville, which has taken three years to complete, was held up for more than fourteen months when the State Dormitory Authority ran

out of funds to keep the project going. It was eventually financed by a \$3-million grant from the Public Works Employment Act, which also provided some \$102-million in grants for public works to the city.

Pit will be closed next month

By Susan DiMaria

The construction pit in front of Cohen Library, opened in early August, will be closed by about November 15, according to William Farrell, Director of Campus Planning and Development. It had been scheduled to be closed in early October.

"When we dug up the street we found existing pipe that wasn't in our plans," said Farrell in explaining the delay, "so we had to reroute. It took time."

The pit has been ill-received by students, faculty and library employees who find access to the library difficult now that the front steps of the building are unusable.

"It's obviously terrible," said Virginia N. Cesario, Chief Librarian. "Access to the library has been destroyed...I don't think there's anyone in the library who has a good word to say about it."

Students wishing to use the library during the period between summer school and registration had been forced to enter the library's back door and use the elevator in the stacks, Cesario pointed out, saying, "There isn't any danger to students when they walk along the path to the staircase, and at least it's better for them to be able to use the front door than back."

The path between the library's staircase and the stairs to 135th street is often poorly lit at night, however, and some students have complained that it is hard to see where they are going when leaving the library after dark. "We did succeed in getting another

streetlight working in that area," Cesario conceded, "but in the dark it's very difficult to see."

Although she said that there had been no noticeable drop in student use of the library since the digging of the pit, Cesario

mentioned staff reports that "everyone complains about it all the time."

"We'd certainly like this all to be over," she said, adding, "the sooner the better. It's been a lot longer than anyone expected."



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Workmen installing new furniture in Baskerville.



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Construction pit in front of Cohen Library, 135th Street gate.

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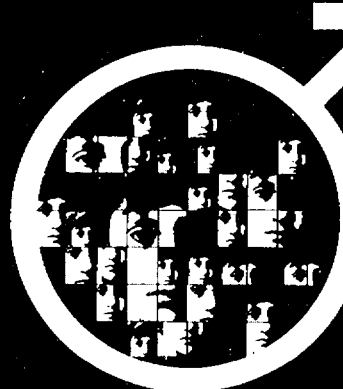
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Media Board allocates funds, Votes to freeze membership

In a unanimous decision on Tuesday, the College's Media Board allocated almost \$10,000 in student fees among the three-day-session student newspapers and WCCR, the radio station. The Board, however, could not reach an agreement on how the remaining 50 percent of the funds collected through the \$2 media fee will be allocated.

"I think we came to this one decision," said Emily Wolf, editor-in-chief of The Campus, "because everyone at the meeting could appreciate that there are printing and broadcasting bills which have to be paid immediately."

The Board also agreed that for the current academic year funds from the media fee are available only to the media listed on the referendum which established the Board last May.

Responding to the suggestion that the Day Student Senate fund other types of media at the College, Senate President Roger Rhoss said that he did not favor the idea because "the Senate is going to spend more money on the organizations and clubs." Stripped of its traditional

responsibility to fund the three day session newspapers and WCCR, the Senate this term has roughly an additional \$10,000 to allocate among the remaining student activities.

Nathaniel Phillips, general manager of WCCR, presenting a funding proposal to the Board which was not well received. "We should weigh what is important in terms of what a media is doing," said Phillips, who suggested that greater allocations go to media which extensively cover College

news. Opposing the suggestion, Wolf said, "What you are doing is giving us the incentive to print what the board wants. The board must not have that kind of editorial and reportorial control over the College's media."

"It seems to me that the only way a media board could judge what you have proposed is by an audit of performance," said Prof. Michael Keating (English). "I don't think the board should be getting into subjective things," he added.



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THE WAY TO HIS HEART: The House Plan Association found its way to the hearts of many students during yesterday's club hours at its International Food Festival held in Finley Student Center.

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CUNY to investigate Services Corp.

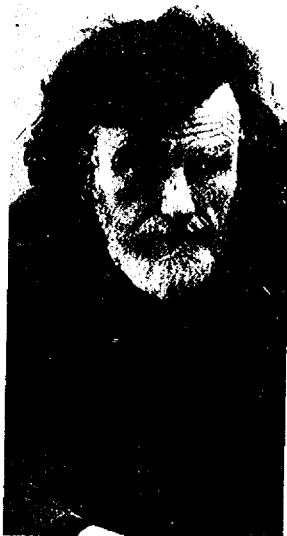
The legal affairs office of the City University is investigating the legality of undergraduate student representation on the Board of Directors of the College's newly established Student Services Corporation.

"It's just a matter of how many and under what conditions undergraduate students can serve on the Board," said Peter Kellog, assistant administrator of the office. "It's a standard questioning and reviewing process."

However, Kellog said that if any irregularity was found by the office, the Corporation bylaws would have to be changed and rewritten to accommodate the CUNY findings. "I don't think the effect will be to change the bylaws entirely if we turn up something," he said. "There were violations and questions when Queens College started their Corporation a while back, but it was worked out without drastic change."

According to initial Corporation bylaws, which were submitted to the CUNY office last year, eight students—six undergraduates and two graduates—plus seven faculty members are required to serve on the governing board of directors.

Kellog said his office would reach a decision within "a few days at the most" and forward the changes, if any, to Rees' office.



Prof. Edward Quinn

See TV programs for credit

By James Nash

A unique program combining home television viewing and on campus classwork is tentatively scheduled to begin at the College next spring, according to Prof. Edward Quinn (English), who is responsible for developing the program at the College.

"It will afford working adults an opportunity without seriously interfering with their other obligations," said Quinn. Aimed at providing educational access for the adult working population, the program is being initiated by WNET (Channel 13), which will broadcast the 14 one hour presentations. They will focus on literature, art, and music and nine of them will be adapted directly from Open University, an educational TV program from Britain.

"It will encourage critical judgement," said Quinn, "and will require more independent study and more self discipline on the part of the student."

Although a complete model of the program has yet to be worked out, this spring's pilot course will be geared to introducing students to the humanities at the same time they are beginning the required core curriculum.

Post Secondary Education from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare will pay for the purchase and design of the individual programs, according to Quinn. Channel 13 will absorb some miscellaneous operating expenses, but the program is budgeted at \$230,000 for the one year period. Students enrolling in the program at the College will be required to pay the normal \$35 per credit, and will have to meet normal College criteria for admission.

"The point of the program is to provide aspects of the curriculum that the limitations of the classroom cannot provide," said Quinn. "TV offers the opportunity to have the student view Isaac Stern in performance, Monet's paintings, or contemporary American writers, such as Eudora Welty or Toni Morrison, as they actually engage in the act of writing."

Alumnus wins Nobel Prize in physics

By James Nash

The Nobel Prize for Physics was awarded this week to College alumnus Dr. Arno A. Penzias, Class of '54, for his research in cosmic microwave background radiation.

Penzias, who is the fifth College alumnus to receive the Nobel, will share the prize with his research associate, Robert W. Wilson, and a Russian physicist, Dr. Kapispa. Penzias and Wilson discovered cosmic microwave radiation in 1965 while doing research at the Bell Telephone Laboratories in Holmdale, New Jersey, where Penzias is the current director. Kapispa will receive the award for his achievement in physics. "We are very happy to share the award with Dr. Kapispa," said Penzias.

According to Penzias, the discovery was an accident. He and Wilson had been studying radio waves from the Milky Way and, discovering more radiation than they had expected, calculated the radiation to date back some 20 billion years. Then, the universe was thought to have been a single compressed ball of matter which exploded, creating an every-expanding cosmos. The implication of the discovery is that the galaxies are today still drifting away from each other, and that the

universe is not in a steady state.

The Nobel Prize will be awarded on December 10 in Stockholm, the anniversary of the death of Alfred Nobel. Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, bequeathed some \$9-million to be awarded to persons who have made valuable contributions to the good of humanity. Prizes are given in the fields of physics, chemistry, physiology and medicine, literature, economics and work in the interest of international peace. The average value of each prize is \$40,000.

Penzias was born in Germany and emigrated to the United States during World War II. "My family were refugees from Europe and we came to the U.S. in 1940," Penzias recalled. "I lived in the Bronx until I graduated from college." Penzias received his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1962.

Other alumni who have won the Nobel prize are Julius Axelrod ('33) and Arthur Kornberg ('37) in medicine, Robert Hofstadter ('35) in physics and Kenneth Arrow ('40) in economics.

Penzias has been a visiting lecturer at Princeton University, an adjunct professor at the State University (Stony Brook) and research assistant at the Harvard College Observatory.



Photo by W. Kwang

Has a chemistry experiment blown up in your face lately?

Everyone has major problems

By Marina Psaltoudis

Are you having trouble in biology class? Does the frog keep jumping off the table every time you try to dissect it? Well, take heart. You're not alone. Students majoring in other departments at the College have problems with their majors, too.

Communications major Donna Sherman says she's transferring to Brooklyn College because the College's Communications program does not have video facilities. "When I go out for a job my potential bosses are going to be interested more in my practical experience than in my theoretical," said Sherman.

Fay Garyfalidakis, a junior majoring in English, said that her department just doesn't have the offerings she'd like. "Too many courses that are listed in the bulletin are not offered, and the ones that are offered don't have enough sections," she complained. "Soon we'll graduate and we don't know what else is out there for us besides teaching. If there is, how do we go about it?"

"My department is really good," said Sallie Mars, a history major. "We have pretty good courses and most of them are taught at an adequate college

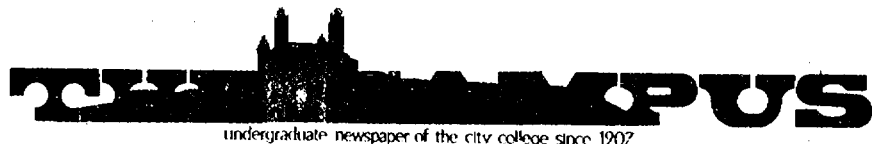
level; I wish we had more, but with budget cuts..."

Budget cuts seem to have created problems in other departments also. "A recitation is not enough, especially for organic chemistry," said pre-med major Rosemary Vasquez. "Tutoring is necessary and before the budget cuts we had plenty of it."

Electrical Engineering major Vasso Berdembes complained that "we do not have a variety of engineering electives to choose from," while labs seemed to frustrate Ralph Bellasai, a Mechanical Engineering major. "The instructors don't explain the procedures and the technicians don't care," he said.

Music majors also have their problems. "Most of the emphasis is on classical music but most of us would like to play other kinds, too," said a major who did not want to be identified.

Students complained about almost everything, from incompetent teachers to teachers who were too difficult, boring classes, and poorly written texts. One student went so far as to ask for all-male classes so that teachers would be able to curse freely. As Reitz observed, "The student body is divided into students, and into people who only want a degree."



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The continuing epic of Saga

Fed up with poor quality of Saga food, the lack of adequate hours and the indifferent attitude of Saga's management to all of the above, the Day Student Senate is calling a boycott of all Saga operations for October 30th and 31st.

About time, we say. We've been following the epic of Saga for more than two years now, recording dozens of complaints from students and faculty alike about their operation, and have seen nothing done about it.

Even when students have carried their complaints to the administration, as happened last summer, when Senate leaders met with Vice President for Administrative Affairs Morton Kaplon, they have met with frustration. Kaplon reportedly told Senate leaders that it "could not be a high priority for the College to satisfy someone's whims" and that if the food was as bad at Saga as everyone has been saying it is, they couldn't stay in business.

What Kaplon neglected to consider was that Saga has a virtual monopoly on campus food services, since only The Monkey's Paw remains out of their clutches, and we believe

that it is high time that action was taken against Saga. We support the Senate's boycott in the hopes that it will wake up the administration and Saga to the fact that students are tired of paying exorbitant prices for substandard food, service and sanitation.

While we wish the Senate success with the boycott we hope that they won't stop there. Saga's three year contract is nearing its end next summer and we would like to see the Senate participate actively in selecting a new contractor who could take on the College's food service operation. Although an advisory committee composed of students and faculty had been formed last year to assist the administration with such a task, student participation was so low that the decision to renew Saga's contract for this year was finally made without input from the very people who are most affected by Saga's poor service—the students. Such a thing must not happen again.

Though the Senate decision to organize a boycott is a commendable one, it will only last a few days. We would like to see the Saga story come to an end.



THERE GOES ANOTHER ONE!

Graphics by Jeff Sagat

Letters to the editor Out goes the fancy

To the Editor:

I was most happy to talk with your reporter about the Archives and looked forward to your story about it. Unfortunately, my pleasure dimmed as soon as I started reading the article in the October 13th issue. I must point out several errors.

The letter sent from Harvard to the President of the College at the time of the Centennial in 1947 makes absolutely no mention of City College as the "Proletarian Harvard." This is not surprising; for Harvard to publicly say this would be patronizing and insulting.

I did not say our founder Townsend Harris, "I figure we own him." I did say that we owe him a great deal for his vision in urging the people of our City to support free higher education at a time when it was considered the privilege of the few.

I wish to make clear that many

of our collections are about people important to the College, even if they did not have national fame and that we are at a disadvantage in regard to some of the very famous alumni because we cannot pay for papers. I was quoted accurately as to wording but the context was lacking. Archives feels all donations of paper are important.

Finally, George Goethals, class of 1877, would have been a remarkable man if he had superintended the Pam Am Building in the 1960's. It was the Panama Canal!

Now that I have sorted fact from fancy, let me again invite The Campus and all leaders to our exhibit and the movie about Townsend Harris, November 1 to 3.

Barbara Dunlap
Chief, Archives
and Special Collections

Running hot & cold

To the Editor:

I would like to correct an obvious typographical error which appeared in Jerald Seltzman's otherwise excellent Campus Comment in your October 13th issue.

Please note in the last sentence that while human excrement of low viscosity does indeed flow downhill, water will never freeze at 100 degrees Fahrenheit. From what I remember of Chemistry 3 and ME 101, water at 100 degrees Fahrenheit is commonly referred to as "hot water". Being well

above the Triple Point, which occurs at 32.02 degrees Fahrenheit and 4.58 Torr (approximately .006 of standard atmospheric pressure), water at this temperature can not exist in the solid phase.

Also, please note that normal human feces have an unusually high viscosity and will not flow downhill. They do however have an extremely high tendency to roll.

Gregory Durnlak
Class of '78

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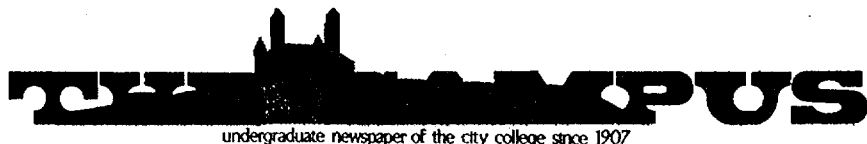
The Campus erroneously stated in its September 22 issue that the Finley Center Information Office (F152) is among the offices slated for relocation in Baskerville Hall. The Office of Information and Referral (F104) is moving to Baskerville.

The Campus incorrectly stated in its September 22 issue that Joe Collier is the secretary of the Finley Program Agency. Violet Sider is the secretary and Collier is the co-chairman.

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Evening school needs new identity

MATTHEW LASAR

A few weeks ago, Dr. Charles Baskerville, the Dean of the School of General Studies, charged the College administration with following policies that will result in the termination of the evening session at CCNY. President Marshak has denied this, explaining that the College supports the evening session and will continue to do so. The purpose of this article is to show that what Marshak says is, simply put, not correct. In fact, it is remarkable to me that such a claim can still be made.

I was an evening student here in 1976 when the fiscal crisis hit the College with its full force. The reality of the situation became clear to me when one of my professors began to speak in an unusually weak voice about the prospects for the future.

"I know what is going to happen to us," he explained, "and it isn't going to be very pleasant. Just try to get on with your work as fast as possible. Don't try to fight this, there is nothing you can do."

An Important Lesson

Ignoring his advice, I joined a coalition of students to defend the College, and especially the evening school, from what eventually happened. I learned an important lesson in the difficult six months that followed: you can always tell where a community's priorities are by where they place their money and support when both are getting scarce.

My first chance to see this clearly came during a conversation I had with an important official in the Business Office at Finley Center. Our discussion became an argument as we debated the chances the University had to resist the cuts. Finally his temper became short.

"Look," he said angrily. "The city has no money. There is going to be an evening session, but it is just going to be a few courses here and there. That is about what we can hope for."

Faculty Very Frank

Reports started coming in of faculty getting very frank about their regard for the SGS. "Everyone knows that the evening session is on the way out around here," one English teacher explained to Philip Miller, Advisor to the Evening Student Senate.



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More than rumors, however, demonstrated that the evening division was going to bear far more than its share of this fiscal disaster. When adjuncts were fired in 1976, the evening session lost the largest part of its faculty. Tenured faculty are frequently (though not entirely) reluctant to teach in the evening. Many services, particularly library hours, had a peculiar way of being pared down for the most part in the evening. Less service was offered in the cafeteria after 6 PM. The list of things lost is so long that I won't bother to go into it, but as it became obvious that there were not enough courses available in the evening, many night students (myself included) quit our jobs or went part-time in order to study in the day. Many of us, as enrollment figures indicate, just dropped out of school.

Dean's Power Taken

Perhaps the worst thing that happened to the School of General Studies was that not only was its budget reduced from \$2.5 million to about \$55,000, but the Dean lost his power to allocate the money left for evening courses. That prerogative is now given to the coordinators of the various departments. In other words, the people who for the most part do not want to teach in the evening decide how many evening courses should be offered each semester.

Concerned members of the College community began to recognize fairly fast that the evening session was in for some serious trouble. In 1977 the Educational Policy committee of the Faculty Senate issued a report which stated that the School of General Studies was in "serious jeopardy" of losing its status as a viable institution. Finally, the ultimate recognition of the problem came at a Policy Advisory Council meeting held that year and attended by every important College official from Marshak on down. The idea was suggested that a study be made to see how the decline of the evening session could be checked. One administrator protested that this study would assume that the evening session had taken a greater burden of cuts than any other area of the College, and thus was unfair. Others felt differently.

"I think that point is debatable," explained the Vice-Provost of Student Affairs, Ann Rees. "I think the evening session has taken more cuts than other areas of the College. The question is what to do about it." That day PAC voted almost unanimously to recognize a committee to ponder that question.

Indifferent At Best

So the study was begun, and a report later issued concluded that the problems

the evening session faces are due to a College community which is indifferent at best, and a Dean who is powerless "to initiate new directions" let alone make sure that the right courses are offered at night. The report was put together by people who know the School of General Studies better than anyone else.

Essentially it says that what needs more support than ever before, is getting the least of all.

No Identity Left

In all fairness I must praise Marshak for recognizing that "it is desirable to maintain an identity for the evening school," which is separate from other parts of the College. To imagine, however, that that identity still exists is an error. If the College does not advertise its evening session as other branches of CUNY have done, if it does not start some of the adult education programs it has been talking about for two years, and if it does not give Baskerville the right to maintain his school and protect it from the indifference of various departments, then the identity, and thus the viability of the School of General Studies is gone.

Members of the City College community who worry about the evening session frequently discuss the SGS in terms of "survival." Frankly, I do not think that if the night graduating class of 1972 came back here to look things over they would say that the SGS has survived. It is now about 2,100 students, less than half of what it was two years ago, and one third of them study partially in the day. It is beyond the scope of this effort to describe the value of what this school is losing. You are attending, teaching at or working in the first college in the United States to offer a baccalaureate degree at night. Now it seems that part of CCNY cannot simply be saved, it has to be created again.

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Career-oriented college is an academic disaster

HOWARD ADELSON

In the past eight years the venerable and respected City College entered upon a decline which has been the subject of an increasing number of articles in the public press.

The evidence of declining levels of student performance reached such dimensions during the past year that the college's Dean of Humanities, Theodore Gross, a man who played a leading role in destroying the academic standards of the school, wrote a controversial article, entitled "How to Kill a College: The Private Papers of a Campus Dean" (published in *Saturday Review*) in which he struck out blindly against affirmative action, open admissions, political and moral compromises in the academic world, the incompetence of most of the students, ethnic studies programs, politically oriented courses designed to satisfy non-academic demands from some sections of society, and much else.

In a word, Dean Gross

suddenly attacked all that he himself had done at the college. He should properly have entitled his article "Mea Culpa" because he was among those who were most vicious in condemning those of his colleagues who rejected the idea of deciding questions of education in terms of social engineering and crude political trickery. Of course Dean Gross in his new dress as a defender of the virtue of good education could not escape the consequences of his article which the President of the school viewed as a form of heresy. After some carefully orchestrated demonstration, in which members of the administration participated fully, Dean Gross was punished for his novel claim of a new-found virtue by being summarily removed from the deanship.

Politics and public relations have replaced academic integrity within the City College on an unprecedented scale since the appointment of Robert E. Marshak as President with the inauguration of open admission.

As President he has been the leading exponent of the policy of changing the college into a form of trade school which is to be completely career-oriented in the crudest sense.

City College is an ailing institution which is trying desperately to conceal that fact from the public. The new so-called "minimum competency test" which students must pass before entering the junior year requires only a high school level of reading proficiency as determined by national tests for the high schools. In the area of mathematics, the situation is even worse because the junior class will merely have to demonstrate that it can handle basic computations such as addition and multiplication through fractions, percentage, and elementary graphs, as well as elementary algebra. The "minimum competency tests" cannot be said to be a device for raising standards at the university; they merely confirm the fact that those standards have been lowered to

the high school.

Perhaps the worst aspect of the situation at City College is the fact that many good courses have been cast aside and replaced with others that are clearly questionable on purely academic grounds. Among the course offerings we find such strange titles as "Growing Up" in which students are provided with "the opportunity to relate personal experiences and explore personal feelings and perceptions," or "Spanish for Native Speakers," or even "The Novel as History." In view of the disappearance in many departments of a sequential series of courses which permits the advanced level courses to build upon a secure foundation, there has been a clearly discernible tendency to simplify the so-called advanced courses to cover the most elementary material.


The City College administration has, of course, had its defenders among some few faculty members seeking preferment. When Deputy Mayor Herman Badillo pointed to the

recognized fact that the value of the City college degree had declined, he was roundly castigated by the sycophants of the administration. When articles appeared in the public press which called attention to the critical situation at the school, the administration sponsored a number of answers by individuals and administrators which were replete with false claims. The only effective solution to the problem at City College is a complete change of administration coupled with a renewed respect for the world of learning.

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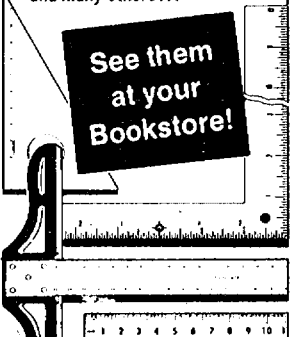
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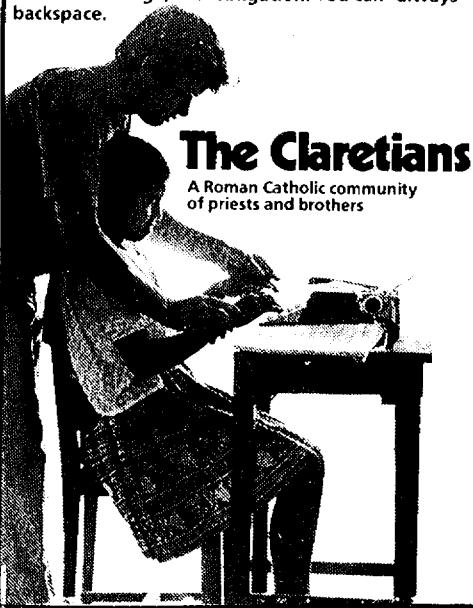
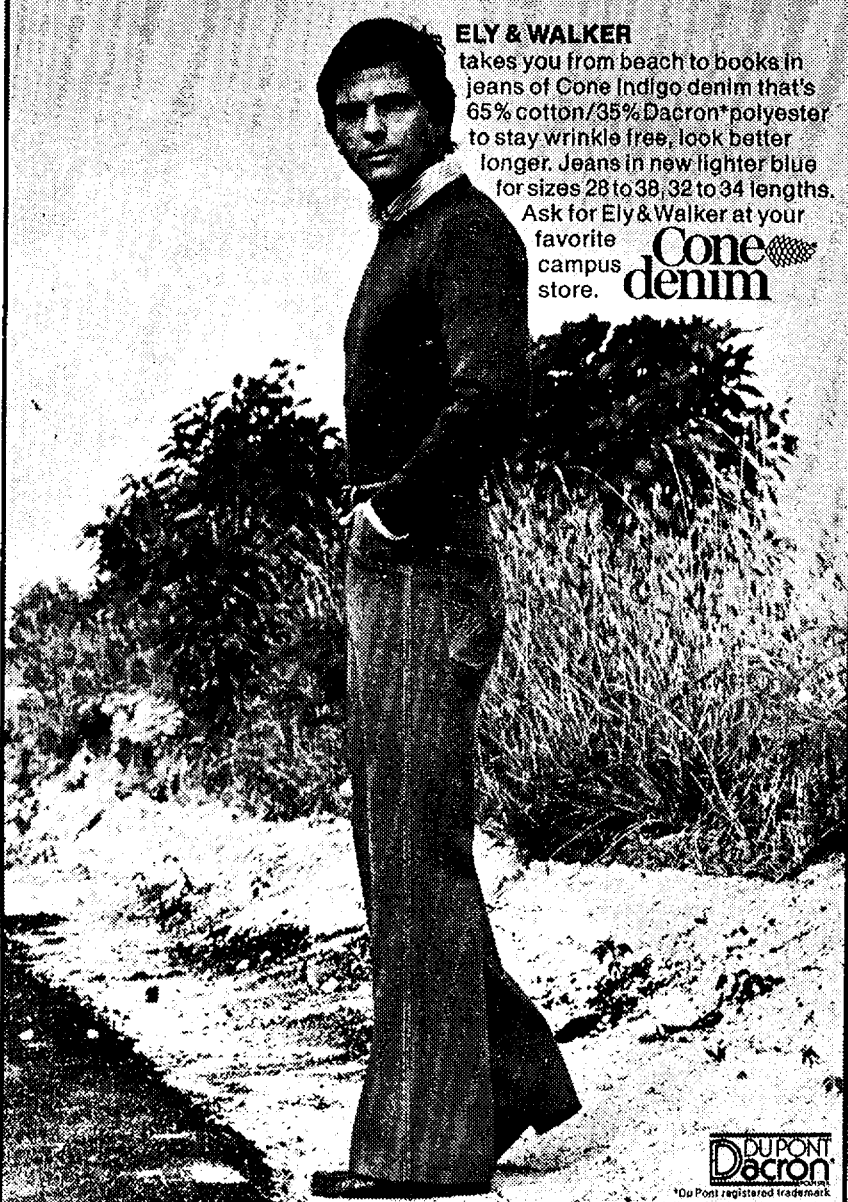
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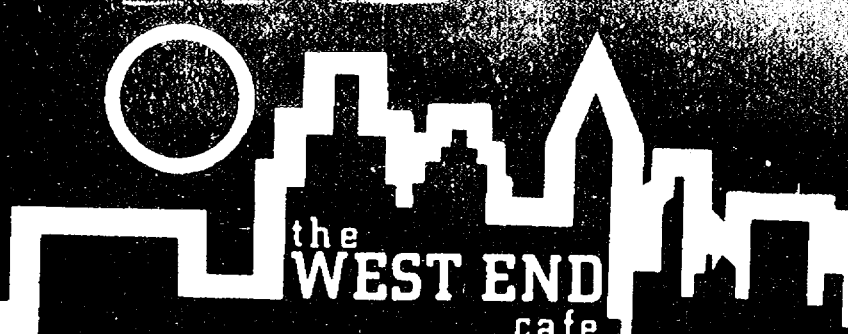



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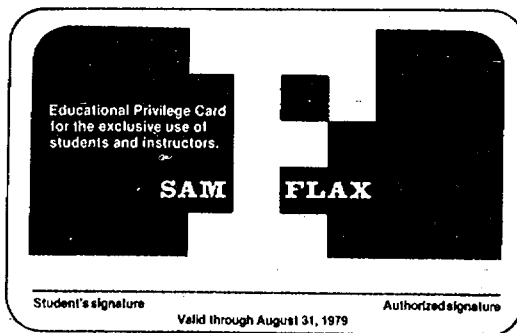
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Hockey team forced to sit out season



Where have you gone, conference champions?

Kickers dump Seton Hall, 2-0 in best performance of season

By John Toth

With Halloween only two weeks away, the soccer team did some early trick-or-treating Monday afternoon. Shortly after Seton Hall rang the door on the South Campus Athletic Field, the Beavers pulled some tricks out from under their sleeves, treating the opposition to a 2-0 game.

The game, however, wasn't as close as the score indicates. Playing their best game to date, the Beavers took control from the outset and continued to dominate for the full 90 minutes.

Joe Edghill started things off by popping a shot off the Seton Hall crossbar. Seconds later Jean Cesar's powerful shot sent the ball into orbit above the field.

A Tremendous Shot

With only 15 minutes gone, Kenneth Sharpe scored the winning goal for the Beavers by arcing a tremendous shot from 45 yards out to just below the crossbar, past the goalie's outstretched arms.

"It's a low-percentage shot, but if it's done right it'll go in above the goalie," explained the defenseman. What's a defenseman doing scoring goals, you ask? "Everybody attacks on our team, defense or offense," commented Sharpe.

Kicked Up A Storm

While the team prepared for another goal, Donovan Russel kicked up a storm in front of Seton Hall's goal by first creating a near breakaway and then proceeding to dig a trench around the ball in a brave, but unsuccessful attempt to score. Then at 27 minutes into the game, Melville "Juice" Brown looped a free-kick to James Davis. He headed the

ball beautifully to Winston Mitchell, who tipped it in for the score, giving the Beavers the 2-0 lead.

"It was the perfect combination. We are playing better as a team than we have before," said Mitchell.

Seton Hall forced some plays inside Beaverland, but failed to acquire control of the game. With only eight minutes left, Edghill got his second almost-goal of the game, this time by popping one off the right post, highlighting an otherwise eventless second half.

"They (Seton Hall) played a very physical game, but we had most of the plays," said Mitchell, adding, "We should have had a lot more goals though."

"Our defense was much better," added Davis.

Must Win

Coming off a 2-0 loss to Manhattan College last Saturday, the Beavers faced a "must win" situation. With three seasonal losses the team would have equalled their last season's total and would have found it difficult to climb back near the top.

"We didn't capitalize on our opportunities Saturday," commented coach Felix Fuksman. "This was one of our better games. It puts us back in the race for first place in our division (Metropolitan Intercollegiate Conference-Division II West)," he added. Fuksman remembers the 2-2 tie against the Pirates last year that put City one game behind first place.

Fuksman's gang will go up against C.W. Post Thursday, October 26, at Post. Their next home game is against Queens College on Saturday, October 28, at 11:00 AM.

By Rich Mancuso

The champagne flowed freely in the Elmsford Skating Rink after the hockey team defeated Queens College 5-3 to win the conference crown last March. After being in the cellar during the regular season with a 4-10-1 record, the Beavers pulled off the unexpected. There were high hopes for the future; hopes that will not be fulfilled, at least not this season.

The team has been dropped from the Intercollegiate Athletic schedule for the 1978-79 season due to the unexpected resignation of last year's coach, John Meekins, according to Athletic Director Richard Zerneck.

"We couldn't find another coach to replace him in time for the season," commented Zerneck. "Even if somebody would be available, the hiring process takes so long that it would not be completed by the start of the season," he added.

It's no secret that the team had its share of problems last season. They played badly most of the time, ice-time was expensive, and it was difficult for the players to attend midnight practices. According to Zerneck, however, these reasons, and the fact that hockey was not one of the most popular sports on campus, "had no reflection on suspending the program."

But last season's players charged that Zerneck got rid of the team to channel more money into the ever popular men's varsity basketball team.

"It doesn't sound right," said Frank Torrez. "The athletic department eliminated hockey because they never cared for it like they do for other teams," he charged.

"I happen to like hockey," replied Zerneck. "It's one of my favorite sports. There was no pre-determined decision to cancel the team." Zerneck also pointed out that all the other teams received last year's budget allocations and that none of the money allocated to the now defunct hockey team will be used for any other teams.

Plans are already under way to reinstate the hockey team for the 1979-80 season "provided enough interest is generated," commented Zerneck.



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Beaver Winston Mitchell (right) plays the ball and stops any attempt by Seton Hall to advance it.

Sports Briefs

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See Barbara Klein in J26.

Women volleyers lose to Pace

By Kim Johnson

The women's volleyball team was handed its second straight defeat of the new season Monday night, this time by Pace College in three sets, 15-3, 15-4, and 15-2.

The game was almost a replica of last week's loss against St. Francis College. Coach William Huppert and his "frequent practices that will help each player to improve one-hundred percent" have so far been quite ineffective.

Retaliation

At one point in the first set the team actually played as a team. They repeatedly sent the ball flying over the net, but Pace, led by Felicia Mann, retaliated each time and finally took each point. The shock of performing well enough to win a set, or at least come close, was too great for the Beaverettes to take and they appropriately dropped the set.

In the second set, Benita Valentin scored three out of four points. In the third, Marelta Joe scored all Beaverette points—both of them.

Let's put it this way; if you add up all the points for the evening, Pace outscored the volleyers 45-9. Nine points fall far short of winning even one set.

Inner Squabbles

The team is plagued with inner squabbles as well. "Our weakness is a lack of concentration and an excess of displayed emotions on the court," said one dejected player.

"We must learn to put our feelings in check so that it will not interfere with the team's play," said another.

Another problem is that the volleyers never learned how to serve the ball. Less than 40 percent of the attempted serves actually made it over the net.

Lack of Confidence

"We lack confidence in each other's abilities," said still another player (none of the team members wanted their names mentioned). "We are not playing our designated positions, but get in each other's way," she added.

"On the court we fight among ourselves too much for the ball," said another.

Huppert has been quoted saying, "The pressure to win in volleyball is less than in basketball." Judging from these past two games, there is no pressure whatsoever. Although the season is still young, the women's volleyball team presently looks like it's standing still.